

humanities empower us to celebrate our individual identities, while reminding us of the values and commitments that unite us as a country.

Although the rich diversity of our nation would seem to preclude an official American culture, we have a powerful tradition of artistic expression and intellectual inquiry that honors every one of us equally. Through art, music, literature, history, and philosophy, we preserve and pass along, from generation to generation, our most cherished images, ideas, and beliefs.

For more than two centuries, the arts and humanities have helped Americans transcend political, religious, racial, and ethnic divisions by engaging us in the common task of interpreting and expressing the meaning of human experience. When we read each other's stories, discuss each other's ideas, and feel each other's emotions through dance, painting, and song, we come to understand the complexity and texture of each other's lives. In so doing, we gain a greater appreciation and understanding of the breadth of human thought and emotion. And we gain a more profound sense of our common purpose as Americans.

But if the arts and humanities are essential to appreciating and preserving our culture, they are also essential to our growth and renewal as a people. For it is only by deepening our understanding, unleashing our imaginations, and enlarging our capacities to see and to feel that we can envision a better future for ourselves, our communities, and our nation.

In the new and complicated century that awaits us, we will depend even more on our artists and humanists to help us discover the roots of our deepest beliefs and gain a vision of our most promising possibilities.

The month of October has been designated National Arts and Humanities Month, and I urge all Americans to celebrate the artistic and intellectual freedoms we enjoy and to reflect on the crucial role they play in reinvigorating and renewing our great nation every day.

Bill Clinton

NOTE: This message was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on October 14 but was not issued as a White House press release.

Statement on Federal Funding for the Homeless

October 14, 1994

I am pleased to announce the release of these much-needed funds to help feed, shelter, and give a hand-up to America's homeless. By involving local community organizations as we decide where to best allocate these resources, we will ensure that the most urgent needs in our communities are met.

NOTE: This statement was included in a White House statement announcing the release of \$130 million in funding to feed and shelter the homeless.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

October 8

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton went to Camp David, MD.

October 9

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

October 11

In the morning, the President traveled to Dearborn, MI, where he toured the Ford Mustang plant.

In the afternoon, the President met with United Auto Workers union leaders at the Westin Renaissance Hotel in Detroit, MI. He then went to the Detroit Free Press Building where he met with the members of the newspaper's editorial board. He returned to Washington, DC, in the evening.

The President announced the nomination of Charles "Lindy" Marinaccio as a member

of the Board of Directors of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mufi Hannemann as Representative to the South Pacific Commission.

October 12

In the afternoon, the President met with Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva of Portugal. Following the meeting, the President and Hillary Clinton hosted a White House reception for members of the Portuguese-American community.

The President announced his intention to nominate Howard W. Cannon, William Quinn, and Lynda Hare Scribante as members of the Board of Trustees for the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

October 13

In the evening, the President attended a fundraiser for Representative Bob Carr at the Hay-Adams Hotel.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ygnacio Garza, Peter Silva, and Lynda Taylor as members of the Board of Directors of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission.

October 14

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton hosted a dinner at the White House honoring arts and humanities awards recipients.

The President announced that he has appointed the following four members to the Commission of Fine Arts: J. Carter Brown (reappointment), Rex Ball, Carolyn Brody, and Eden Rafshoon.

The President announced his intention to appoint Linda Walker Bynoe and Barry Gordon to the Board of Governors for the United Service Organizations, Inc.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released October 10

Announcement of legislation signed by the President

Released October 11

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers announcing the release of the White House Counsel's report on Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy

Released October 12

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on the President's meeting with Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva of Portugal

Released October 13

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on the President's request that Congress repeal certain provisions of the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Act, 1995, and the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1995

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on the abduction of Israeli Corporal Nachshon Waxman

Released October 14

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers announcing the White House conference on trade and investment prospects for U.S. firms with Central and Eastern Europe

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers announcing a series of humanitarian steps relating to Cubans in safe havens in Guantanamo and Panama

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers announcing the report and rec-